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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I hope you won't mind if I whisper the news to you tonight. As I mentioned earlier in the week - in jumping from the Equator to sub-Arctic North America I picked up a cold. It has almost gone. But what remains tonight has shut me down to a whisper.

And - it's a big news night!

~~Monday~~ <sup>today,</sup> That shake-up in Moscow was completed. A new Minister of Defense was named, ^ chief of the Soviet armed forces. Taking the place of Marshal Bulganin - now at the top, as the Soviet Premier. So who is the new Minister of Defense? The answer is interesting - Marshal Zhukov, hero of the war against Nazi Germany. Zhukov had been the Deputy Minister, and now he rises - mighty close to the top. That same Red Marshal - quoted, yesterday, as talking with such warm friendship about President Eisenhower, ~~When~~ - he was General Ike, and Zhukov was a comrade-in-arms.

So, tonight, the Moscow picture looks decidedly military. Marshal Bulganin - the ~~new~~ Premier. Marsha<sup>l</sup> Zhukov - the Minister of Defense. However, the supposition still remains that the real power behind the scenes may be - Khrushchev. He doesn't appear in any of the new promotions. But Khrushchev is the Secretary of the Russian Communist Party, and that's the post that Stalin held - in the earlier years. When - he was the iron despot, though holding no formal office

in the government. <sup>R</sup> Well, if Khrushchev really is the power behind the scenes, the Red Army sure is - out in front!

Another appointment announced - Malenkov, ~~the~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~deposed Premier~~ given a job. Malenkov becomes Minister of Electric Power. And - a Deputy Premier. One - of several ~~xxx~~ deputies.

So now it seems - that Malenkov has merely been demoted to a lesser office. Which - is in contrast with other Communist big shots, when they lost out. Like Beria - condemned as a traitor and shot.

One report, we hear, is - that Malenkov's wife is a sister of Khrushchev. ~~Whxxxxixxxregard~~ Malenkov's wife - interceding with her brother, to save her husband. But we can't guess how much there might be in that.

The Moscow shake-up was accomplished, officially, at a meeting of the Supreme Soviet - the nearest thing to a Red parliament. Which came to a close, today - with a violent blast from the new Premier, Bulganin. He lashed out - against

the United States. Charging - "war hysteresis" and "atomic war propaganda." In this, Bulganin virtually repeated previous noisy harangues by Foreign Minister Molotov and Red Marshal Konev. Both of whom - raged and ranted against this country. Boasting - that the Soviets are ahead us in hydrogen bomb production.

All of which would seem to bear out suppositions - that Moscow foreign policy is getting tougher. Which is connected with - Khrushchev. Who is - regarded as an exponent of hard boiled Red aggression. As against - the ~~Soviet~~ ~~policy~~ ~~of~~ ~~Malenkov~~ ~~softer~~ policy of Malenkov.

It's all rather curious - following the friendly tone taken by Marshal Zhukov, who rises to the post of Minister of Defense.

In Washington, today, President Eisenhower spoke of Zhukov - and their wartime friendship. He was asked about the Zhukov remark, yesterday - that he would have liked to accept an Eisenhower invitation to visit the United States. The President recalled that invitation, said he had extended it - with authorization from Washington. That was shortly after the end of the war. The President said that arrangements had been made for the Soviet Marshal to fly to the United States in General Ike's own plane. An American aide to accompany Zhukov had been named - General Ike's own son, John.

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Today the President recalled that Zhukov said:

"Well, I ~~was certainly~~ shall certainly be very safe." Meaning, in the Eisenhower plane, with ~~General Eisenhower~~ John Eisenhower aboard. "We were good friends," remarked the President, "and we could talk in that fashion.

The Zhukov trans-Atlantic visit, of course, never happened. At first, it was said - the Marshal was ill.

Then, as the cold war came on, there was no further talk about trips to America.

The President was asked by newsmen about the possibility of a visit by Zhukov, now that he's Minister of Defense in Moscow. "I would say," replied the President, "that this would be a remarkable thing, in the present state of affairs." He added - he wouldn't hesitate considering it, if it were thought desirable.

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower seemed little disturbed about the developments in Moscow.

~~He was~~ asked about the violent anti-American propaganda issued, immediately, by the new regime, ~~he~~ replied - that ~~the~~ tough talk doesn't necessarily mean a tougher attitude.

Because ~~xxxxxx~~ Moscow officials usually say, in the words of the President - "anything that would suit their purposes at the moment." The President added that the Moscow bragging about hydrogen bomb superiority is without proof. And - "not worth while speculating on."

FORMOSA

The evacuation of the Tachen Islands goes on - with a greater air of tension. Following - hostile shots hitting American planes. One - struck in the motor, ~~was~~ forced down at sea - no lives lost. The other - sustaining merely a few holes in the wing.

It appears that both of these planes were off course, going astray in murky weather - and approaching Communist islands. Against orders - accidentally. So the shots from anti-aircraft ~~batteries~~ batteries on the ground are not taken as any cause - for retaliation. That's the word on Formosa - and it was repeated by President Eisenhower, in Washington, today.

## KOREA

Today, we learn - the identity of the two planes that were shot down by American Sabrejets on Saturday. Near - the coast of Korea. The disclosure made - at Pan-Mun-Jom, the old site of the <sup>(Korean)</sup> truce talks. ~~in Korea.~~

Today, there was a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, which has been supervising the truce. A meeting - called by the North Korean Reds. Their delegation charging - that the U.S. planes fired first. Same old story. Also - the first indication that the Migs shot down were North Korean. They might, just as well, have been planes of the Chinese Red Air Force.

The U.S. representative, Major General Leslie Carter, replied by saying - the American planes were over international waters. An observation bomber - escorted by Sabrejets. The North Korean Migs attacked without warning. Two - shot down.

*P* Same old controversy - ~~about~~ who fired first. This time - with the first indication that the Communist planes were North Korean.



## CINERAMA

News from the world of entertainment. The new CINERAMA picture opened last night in New York - "Cinerama Holiday". The critics - exhausting their adjectives in telling of the beauty and breath-taking thrills. Equally striking - the figures from the Box Office. "Cinerama Holiday" opened with an advance sale - of one-hundred-and-forty-thousand dollars.

But that's only one of a series of astonishing figures. The others concern the previous picture - "This is Cinerama".

For several weeks it was announced - that "This is cinerama" was giving way to a new picture. After an all time record run of nearly two and a half years. So what happened? The ticket sale of "This is Cinerama", the one made by you, Lowell and General. Cooper, went booming - up and up. As closing time approached, the box office kept on increasing. During the last week, they took in forty thousand dollars. The last two days twenty thousand. The final day - eleven thousand. Up and up - as people found it was their last chance →

to see "This is Cinerama"

Harry Goldberg of the Stanley-Warner organisation - in whose theatres CINERAMA is presented, tells me - that they have a hard time convincing people that CINERAMA productions will not appear in local movie houses. Technically - impossible. Motion picture people report swarms of customers demanding - when will CINERAMA appear at a local small theatre? The answer has to be - never.

All of which produces - a paradox.. To make room for the new production - CINERAMA HOLIDAY - in New York they had to take off a feature that was doing a <sup>sell out</sup> booming business.

The same will be true of other cities - where "This is Cinerama" will keep on running for many months. Box office business will boom. But sooner or later, Stanley Warner will have to put on "Cinerama Holiday".

A paradox of show business - when <sup>an</sup> attraction is taken off while doing bigger and bigger business. In New York, right now, it would seem a good idea - to put "This is Cinerama" on in another Theatre.

MOTHER

(You-Lowell)

Every so often, I have occasion to remark - what  
amazing stories come on the news wire! All the clever fiction  
writers in the world could hardly invent a fraction of the  
strange situations, the dramatic scenes. Take this dispatch -  
from California.

Thirty years ago, the headlines featured the evil  
case of - the "jazz girl." A San Francisco teen-ager - who  
shot and killed her own mother. The mother had refused to give  
the "jazz girl" permission to go on a wild party.

The penalty - a prison sentence. The "jazz girl"  
serving six and a half years - and then being released.  
Dropping out of sight - losing her identity, concealing the  
past.

She got married, and had children. Her family -  
knowing nothing of the crime of years before.

But life did not go so well for Mrs. Dorothy  
Ellingson Stafford, as she was now known. Recently, at

San Rafael, California, she was arrested for theft. Her sixteen year old son was picked up for burglary. Both were placed in the Marin County jail. In cells - facing each other.

The police, at first, never suspected the identity of the forty-six year old woman. They merely made a routine fingerprint check. Which revealed - the "jazz girl" of the crime, thirty years ago. They told her this, and she couldn't deny it. Her secret out, at last. Her son would learn it, and there they were - facing each other in opposite jail cells.

That was the dramatic situation, and the one time "jazz girl" took care of it, herself. Talking across the prison corridor to her son - she told him. Relating - the story of how, thirty years ago, she killed her own mother.

Today, she said: "He took it like a little man."

It seems the boy had given her a great deal of trouble. So now he told her - he understood why she had been so patient with him.

*— dramatic*  
That was the scene & dialogue between two jail cells.

## LABOUR

Here's some important news we must get in - The A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. have agreed to merge. The two great Labour Organisations will unite. So agreed on at Miami Beach, Florida today, where representatives of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. have been meeting.

The two organisations will form a new federation and the President will be - George Meany, now President of A.F. of L.. C.I.O. President Walter Reuther - stepping down. He remains - President of the Auto Workers.

Today, Reuther said" I am very glad to step down, and help support George Meany, to help the new Federation. We must rise above a personal equation. I will be happy to serve in any way I can to be helpful".

The individual Unions of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. will preserve their identity - as affiliates of the new unified organisation. There will be twenty-seven vice presidents. Seventeen from A.F. of L. unions. Ten from the C.I.O. The A.F. of L. covers some ten million workers. The C.I.O. about five million. Yes, this, Hugh, was quite a day for news!